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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DIGITAL DATA SELLING AND BUYING TRANSACTION SYSTEM, AUXILIARY DIGITAL DATA SELLING AND BUYING SYSTEM, DIGITAL DATA SELLING AND BUYING TRANSACTION METHOD, AUXILIARY DIGITAL DATA SELLING AND BUYING METHOD, AND DIGITAL DATA SELLING AND BUYING TRANSACTION APPARATUS

the specification of which (check one) is attached hereto. was filed on May 8, 2001 (International Filing Date) as \_X\_ International Application No. PCT/JP01/03836 corresponding to\_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: **Priority Claimed** Prior Foreign Application(s) <u>No</u> **Yes** Country Filing Date **Number** May 8, 2000\_ P2000-134479 Japan

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